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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT 6 to 20 July 1951

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REFERENCES [REDACTED]

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SOURCE [REDACTED]

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1. On the mornings of 6 and 7 July 1951, the ground attack aircraft stationed at Staaken airfield practiced take-offs and landings. (1) On 9 July, a local resident said he saw a cargo glider being towed by a tractor from the landing field to a hangar while another cargo glider was parked on the field.
2. At 4:15 a.m. on 11 July, three westbound twin-engine aircraft each towing a cargo glider flew over Doebritz railroad station at intervals of one minute. The planes were heading south. The aircraft were of the same type and had yellow rudder assemblies as those which were previously seen landing at the field. A white-bordered Soviet star was seen for the first time on their rudder assemblies. The cargo gliders had a large Soviet star, which had no white border, on the middle of the fuselage. No numbers or markings were seen on the fuselages or rudder assemblies of the gliders. Their elevator assemblies and wings were fitted horizontally. Two landing wheels were seen under the wings. The gliders had a nose wheel in front.
3. At 10:30 a.m. on 11 July, 3 Li-2s and 32 single-engine ground attack aircraft of the type previously seen were parked in front of the hangars. The white number 8 was on the fuselage of a ground attack plane. The truck came from the airfield. The signboard at the gate on the southern edge of the field bore the inscription "HOP-E 3a."
4. Three DC-3s landed at the field at 9 a.m. on 12 July and at 7:30 a.m. on 13 July. One plane had two white squares one above the other on the trailing edge of the rudder assembly and the white number 2 on the rudder assembly.
5. On 20 July, 37 new single-engine ground attack aircraft were parked at the field. The tips of their rudder assemblies were not painted white.

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- (1) The airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment and an air transport regiment. The ground attack regiment is equipped with IL-10s and probably some IL-2s and UII-10s for training purposes. 25X1A
- (2) The towing aircraft are IL-12s. A description of this aircraft type was previously received from the same source. 25X1A
- 25X1A Since the arrival of cargo gliders in the Soviet Zone of Germany, Dresden-Klotzsche airfield has been used by air transport units of the Twenty-Fourth Air Army. 25X1A
- (3) The ground attack aircraft have white upper edges on their rudder assemblies as tactical symbols and 25X1B
- their fuselages. A total of 41 numbers have been observed.
- (4) The IL-2s of the air transport regiment are marked with two white rectangles on the trailing edges of their rudder assemblies.
- (5) No other sources reported on the arrival of another ground attack unit at Staaken airfield.